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MEETING OF US-INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of US-India Business Council (USIBC) organized by the CII has been held in New Delhi on March 5, 2001;

(b) if so, the outcome of the said meeting; (c) whether an MOU to exchange information regarding bilateral trade and business cooperation has been signed by the Chairman of USIBC and CII, Director- General; (

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the areas where US and India look forward for co-operation and bilateral trade?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (e): There has been no meeting of the US-India Business Council (USIBC) in New Delhi. However, an MOU has been signed between Director General, CII and Chairman, US-India Business Council on 5/3/2001 agreeing, interalia, to the following:

- To exchange information regularly in regard to bilateral trade and business co-operation.
- To facilitate one-to-one interaction between representatives of business and government in the United States and India.
- To facilitate visits between members of the two organizations and organize programmes, meetings, conferences and seminars as appropriate.
- To support relevant promotional activities (such as trade fairs).